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Council) to consider the Madras Agriculturists' Relief (Amendment) Bill, 1947, and that the following members of this House be nominated to the said Joint Select Committee :—

Sri P. R. K. Sarma,

K. T. M. Ahmed Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur,

Sri B. Bhima Rao,

,, S. Jeyarama Reddi,

,, M. Narayana Menon, and

The Hon. Sri K. Madhava Menon.'

I need not make any long speech on this occasion as the Bill is going up to the Joint Select Committee and then coming back to the House after consideration by the Committee. Since the Act of 1937 was passed, various defects have been noticed in the working of the Act and there were also decisions of courts not quite in consonance with the object of the Bill. These things had been examined as also the representations received in this behalf and in the light of it, amendments have been proposed. What was not in the original Act but is brought in is with regard to usufructory mortgages where the rate of interest is not stipulated. We have received various objects particularly from South Kanara and Malabar about that provision and other representations have been received to the effect that the Bill is not going far enough and there are a few who say that this Bill is going too far. I think these are all matters that the Select Committee will discuss and 4-30 come to conclusions; I do not think, therefore, that I need say p.m anything at this stage."

The motion was put to vote and carried.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE VI TO THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL ACT, 1919.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I move—

' that the following draft of a rule proposed to be made by His Excellency the Governor of Madras under Section 347 (3) of the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919 (Madras Act IV of 1919), altering Schedule VI to that Act be approved :—

DRAFT RULE.

In Schedule VI to the said Act—

(1) *after the entry relating to " Ammunition " the following entry shall be inserted, namely " Arrack-manufacturing ";*

(2) *after the entry relating to " Ashes," the following entry shall be inserted, namely " Beer-brewing ";*

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(3) *in the entry relating to "Spirits" after the word "Spirits" the words "that is to say, any liquor containing alcohol (whether denatured or not)" shall be inserted.'*

The draft proposes to make an amendment to Schedule IV to the Madras City Municipal Act and bring in into line with the corresponding provision made by an amendment in September 1946 in Schedule V to the Madras District Municipalities Act and Schedule VII to the Madras Local Boards Act. The Director of Public Health has brought to the notice of Government the need for bringing within the licensing provisions of the Madras Local Boards Act and the Madras District Municipalities Act the premises used for breweries and manufacture of arrack and other spirits in areas under their jurisdiction in order that public health conditions may be enforced in respect of those premises. This amendment is made for a similar purpose in the City of Madras. The Corporation Council has approved the draft rule in its proceedings of 21st October 1947."

The motion was passed.

V.—GOVERNMENT BILL.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (MADRAS AMENDMENT) BILL, 1948 (L.A. BILL NO. 8 OF 1948).

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" Sir, I move—

'*that this House concurs in setting up a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses consisting of 21 members, 14 members from the Assembly and 7 members from the Council to consider the Motor Vehicles (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1948, and that the following members of this House be nominated to the said Joint Select Committee :—*

(1) *The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. Rajan.*

(2) *Dr. Syed Tajuddin Sahib.*

(3) *Sri S. Jayarama Reddi*

(4) *,, S. K. Sadagopa Mudaliar.*

(5) *,, K. Venkataswami Nayudu.*

(6) *Mrs. Mona Hensman.*

(7) *Sri H. M. Jagannatham.*'

Sir, in introducing this measure not many words of mine are needed. The main object is to enable Government nationalize motor transport in the province. I move, Sir, that my motion be accepted."

The motion was put and carried.

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The House now stands adjourned and will meet again on next Wednesday at 3 p.m."